

REMARKS

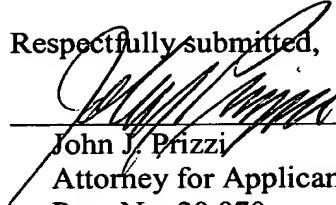
This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 15, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, and 15-28 are pending in the Office Action. Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13, and 15-22 are allowed by the Examiner. Claims 23-28 are rejected. Claims 29-35 were previously canceled.

By this amendment, applicant has canceled rejected claims 23-28.

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance, indicating claims 1-3, 5-11, 13 and 15-28 as being allowable. If for any reason the Examiner does not believe that the application is in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant with any comments or questions (724-539-5331) in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, and fees for any extension of time in connection with this submission, to Kennametal Inc.-AMSG corporate Deposit Account No. 502832.

Respectfully submitted,



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